CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A bartering system for implementing barters between a plurality of parties each having one or more classes of items available for barter comprising:

means for creating a barter order including:

means for designating a selected quantity of a first class of items to be bartered;

means for designating a date range for transferring title of said selected quantity of said first class of items to be bartered whereby a barterer may elect to defer the transfer of title to said first class items to a time after the barter order is used to complete a barter transaction or elect to transfer title along with the completion of such a barter transaction;

means for designating a barter value of said first class of items to be bartered; and

means for designating a second class of items to be acquired;

means for posting barter orders via the Internet to a barter database;

means for displaying via the Internet posted barter orders whose first class of items match the second class of items of a barterer's order; and

means for selecting a posted barter order from said displaying means to effectuate a barter transaction which combines a barterer's barter order with the selected posted order.